

Malibu Time

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fiscally sound and prepared, said House and Van Horn), and direct attempts to discredit the platform of mediation and compromise advocated by Cameron and Kamath.

The candidates each had three minutes for an opening statement. Van Horn challenged the other candidates "to tell us how the lawsuits should have been settled," and objected when Greene called Malibu's graywater ordinance silly. ("Where's the staff to enforce it?" he asked.) Cameron pushed alternative ideas for preserving open space, saying, "We need to find new ways to protect property. You can't do it by legislation alone."

Asked directly by Kamath what

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Planners mull lot merging measure

By Vicky Newman
Staff Writer

After a shouting match between commissioners Charleen Kabrin and Tom Hasse, the Malibu Planning Commission voted Tuesday to prepare a resolution calling for development incentives for consolidating contiguous nonbeachfront residential lots.

The 4-0 vote by com-

Coastal panel blasted over easement plan

By Pam Linn
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A large and hostile group of residents confronted a California Coastal Conservancy panel Tuesday, venting outrage at a proposal to create a public accessway at Paradise Cove.

The plan would effectively transfer an easement on Escondido Beach, which was deeded to the state in 1980, to another location considered to be environmentally sensitive. The Chiate/Wildman easement was required of the developers, but was never opened because the state didn't have the funds to build or maintain it. Some years later, Blake Edwards and Julie Andrews applied for a lot subdivision nearby, and rather than dedicate an easement, they instead made a

cash payment to the state of \$350,000. With interest on investments, that has grown to more than \$400,000, which the state now plans to use to open the easement.

But that prospect has pitted residents of several neighborhoods against each other and the state, although at Tuesday's meeting there was not a single voice in support of the

circulated at the meeting.

Residents of Winding Way were opposed to the transfer because they want access to Escondido Beach across the Chiate/Wildman easement.

But Point Dume and Paradise Cove residents were most vehemently opposed to the transfer for a variety of reasons including traffic, increased crime and damage to fragile habitat.

In response to labeling the opposition "NIMBYs," Councilwoman Carolyn Van Horn stated the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project (a five-year project funded by the EPA

on which she was the city's representative) recommended that the area, which is a refuge, be retired from active fishing and other uses to allow natural habitat restoration. Though not yet implemented, the project had the

support of Gov. Pete Wilson. "What's the logic for taking it out of one place and moving it down the road?" Van Horn said.

There was also concern about an easement leading to more intense development of the Paradise Cove area. "In the (Paradise Cove owner) Kissels' mind, this is the first step to building a hotel," Van Horn said.